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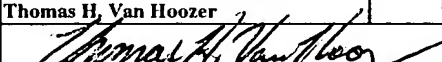


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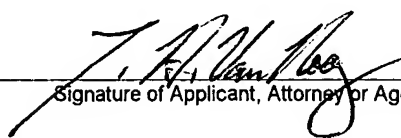
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WALL CONTAINMENT TANK ASSEMBLY)

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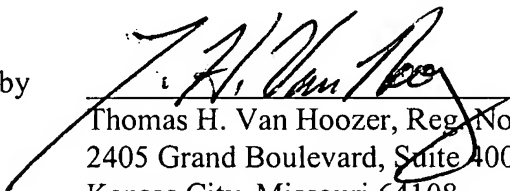
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GARTON, Darwin

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DISCHARGE OUTLET FOR DOUBLE
WALL CONTAINMENT TANK
ASSEMBLY

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STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.173(c), the following is a statement of the status and support for the claims presented in the concurrently filed reissue application. Claims 1-34 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-24 remain as originally patented in U.S. Patent No. 6,318,581, without any amendment.

Claims 25-34 have been added to the present application. Claim 25 is the only new independent claim being added to the present reissue application.

The following sets forth exemplary support for new claims 25-34 with reference to the column and line number of Patent No. 6,318,581.

| <i>Claim Limitation</i> | <i>Support</i> |
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| Claim 25 | |
| Preamble | Original claim 1, preamble; Col. 3, ll. 55-59. |

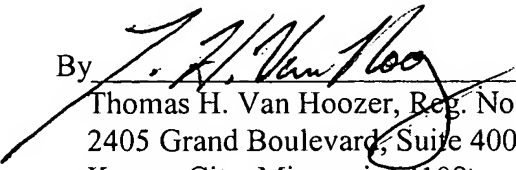
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| "a conduit coupled to the port in the side wall of the inner tank..." | Col. 1, ll. 62-65; Fig. 3; original claim 1, l. 8. |
| "said conduit extending through the access opening..." | Col. 1, ll. 62-65; Fig. 3. |
| "a flexible annular boot member positioned in surrounding relationship..." | Col. 3, ll. 43-62; Col. 4, ll. 12-27; Fig. 3. |
| "a first coupler sealingly coupling one end portion of the boot member..." | Col. 3, ll. 62-Col. 4, ll. 1; Fig. 3. |
| "a second coupler sealingly coupling the other end portion of the boot member to the conduit..." | Fig. 3; Col. 3, ll. 31-42. |
| "the area of said access opening being greater than the cross-sectional area..." | Fig. 3; Col. 3, ll. 55-59. |
| "whereby said boot member prevents leakage of liquid..." | Col. 1, ll. 51-54. |
| Claim 26 | |
| "wherein the boot member is sufficiently flexible..." | Col. 1, ll. 54-58. |
| Claim 27 | |
| "wherein said first coupler is annular and spaced radially outwardly..." | Col. 4, ll. 49-52; Fig. 3. |
| Claim 28 | |
| "wherein said other opposed annular end portion of the boot member..." | Fig. 3; Col. 3, ll. 31-42. |
| Claim 29 | |
| "wherein said second coupler sealingly couples..." | Fig. 3; Col. 3, ll. 31-42. |

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| Claim 30 | |
| “wherein said boot member includes a circumferentially extending cup-shaped protrusion.” | Col. 3, ll. 51-55. |
| Claim 31 | |
| “wherein said cup-shaped protrusion has a maximum cross-sectional area...” | Figs. 3 and 4. |
| Claim 32 | |
| “wherein said boot member is of a flexible synthetic resin material.” | Col. 3, ll. 43-46. |
| Claim 33 | |
| “wherein said one outer end portion of the boot member has a unitary first annular wall...” | Col. 3, ll. 63- Col. 4, ll. 1; Figs. 3 and 4. |
| Claim 34 | |
| “wherein said other outer end portion of the boot member has a unitary second annular wall...” | Col. 3, ll. 37-38, 46-50; Figs. 3 and 4. |

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